



Kentucky At Work Program

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\$3.2 billion in direct appropriations to Kentucky over the next 28 months

Investments to Preserve Jobs and Grow the Economy

- **Medicaid:** Kentucky's Medicaid program will receive about \$990 million over the next two years. The program currently faces a \$232 million deficit this year, while demand for services is increasing by about 3,000 people a month due to the economy.
- **Health and welfare:** Kentucky will receive about \$272 million for areas like public housing, weatherization, child care, child support enforcement and homelessness prevention.
- **Education:** Kentucky will receive about \$924 million in stimulus money. Approximately \$535 million will be used to preserve existing commitments to K-12 and higher education, as well as to continue efforts to hold down the cost of tuition. The remaining \$389 million, administered through the Kentucky Department of Education, will go to Title 1, Head Start, technology and school lunch programs and other programs that help families in crisis.
- **General Fund:** Kentucky will receive nearly \$120 million to help address shortfalls and mitigate against even deeper cuts over the next two fiscal years.
- **Job training and public safety:** The commonwealth will receive \$66 million in job training dollars. In the area of public safety, Kentucky will receive about \$30 million to combat violence against women and to support criminal justice efforts at both the state and local levels.
- **Roads and Bridges:** Kentucky will receive \$421 million for highways and bridges. Gov. Beshear and legislative leaders have been working together on a road plan that contains projects that meet the federal government's requirement that 50 percent of those funds be obligated within 120 days. Projects must be shovel-ready.
- **Transit:** About \$50 million will be allocated for transit.

- **Water and Sewer lines:** Kentucky will receive about \$71 million for water and sewer infrastructure.
- **Community Development:** The state will be allocated some \$12 million for local community development block grants.
- **Energy Projects:** About \$63 million will be allocated to Kentucky for energy initiatives.